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SUBJECT: JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON RWANDA

1. AT A MEETING ON THE MORNING OF MAY 7, PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVENI AND A/S SHATTUCK AGREED TO ISSUE A JOINT PRESS STATEMENT, SIGNED BY A/S SHATTUCK AND MOFA DEPUTY MINISTER AGARD DIDI, ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS SECRETARY, WHO CONFIRMED THE GOV WAS ISSUING THE JOINT STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY, POST ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE:

2. (BEGIN TEXT)
(HEADLINE) UGANDA AND THE U.S. CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN RWANDA

KAMPALA, MAY 7

FOLLOWING EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE GRAVE SITUATION IN RWANDA, PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVENI AND U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS JOHN SHATTUCK AGREED TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING JOINT PRESS STATEMENT:

ON 6TH MAY, 1994, PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVENI RECEIVED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SPECIAL ENVOY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS JOHN SHATTUCK, TO DISCUSS THE

ONGOING TRAGEDY IN RWANDA.

MR. SHATTUCK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNNIE CARSON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA AND AMBASSADOR DAVID RAWSON, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HON. PAUL K. SSENGERE, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HON. AGARD DIDI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MR. CHRIS

THE PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HELD EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE GRAVE SITUATION OBTAINING IN RWANDA. IN PARTICULAR, THEY DISCUSSED THE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN THE RWANDESE GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THOSE OF THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE CONTINUED MASSACRES OF CIVILIANS AND THE RESULTING EXODUS OF REFUGEES INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

THEY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE TRAGIC HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE PREVAILING IN RWANDA AND THE SUFFERING THAT THE HOSTILITIES HAVE BROUGHT UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.

THE PRESIDENT AND MR. SHATTUCK AGREED THAT RWANDAN LEADERS MUST END ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS AND ENGAGE IN AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE THROUGH A PROCESS OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS AS DISCUSSED AT ARUSHA. THEY ALSO

DISCUSSED AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO CURB THE FLOW OF ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK AGREED THAT AN INQUIRY INTO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN RWANDA SHOULD BE URGENTLY INITIATED. THEY WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO THAT HE WOULD UNDERTAKE A MISSION NEXT WEEK TO RWANDA. THEY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA OF CONVOYING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXAMINE URGENTLY THE HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS IN RWANDA.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND MR. SHATTUCK DISCUSSED THE URGENT NEED FOR UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO ALL FORMS OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY FOOD AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION, FOR ALL DISPLACED PERSONS AND OTHERS IN NEED IN RWANDA. DURING THE DISCUSSION, PRESIDENT MUSEVENI EXPRESSED SUPPORT

FOR AN ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN RWANDA TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES AND FACILITATE DIALOGUE.

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI PROPOSED A REGIONAL SUMMIT AT WHICH ALL THE WARRING PARTIES WOULD BE REPRESENTED AS THE BEST WAY OF FINDING A LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN RWANDA.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHATTUCK REITERATED THE STRONG

U.S. COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH OTHERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE RWANDAN CRISIS. HE EXPRESSED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE LEADERSHIP ROLE PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HAD UNDERTAKEN IN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE TRAGEDY IN RWANDA.

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